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STATE MINING & GEOLOGY BOARD

STAFF REPORT

Item 8 -- Review and Establishment of Board Committees Pursuant to the Board's Bylaws (II Organization)

BACKGROUND: The Board appoints committees to assist it in its work. Currently, the Board has approved of the following seven standing committees:

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| 1. Geohazards | 4. Legislation & Regulation |
| 2. Mineral Conservation | 5. Mining Reclamation Standards |
| 3. Policy | 6. Ad Hoc Financial Assurances |
| | 7. Public Information & Education |

Committees are created by a majority affirmative vote of the total authorized membership of the Board (i.e. 5 members). The Board's present list of seven standing committees was formally adopted in January 1998.

In March, 1999 the Board determined to temporarily create a Joint Committee composed of four members to carry on the work of the Standing Committees when the Board's quorum was lost later that month. Since then, the Joint Committee has met monthly.

With the re-establishment of a quorum plus, the Board has enough members to staff four of the seven Standing Committees. The Chairman has recommended that the Board re-activate the following four committees, and abolish the Joint Committee.

1. Geohazards Committee
2. Policy Committee
3. Mining Reclamation Standards Committee
4. Mineral Conservation Committee

STATUTORY / REGULATORY / BYLAW CONSIDERATIONS: The Board's Bylaws state: *Committees: Committees may be created by a majority affirmative vote of the total authorized membership of the Board. Members of such committees shall be*

appointed by, and shall serve at the pleasure of, the Chairperson, who may serve as an ex-officio member of each committee. The Chairperson shall annually review the need for, and function of, each committee and make recommendations to the Board for changes as appropriate.

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Appointment of Members to Board Committees

Committee members are appointed by the Board Chairperson, and serve at the pleasure of the Chairperson. The Chairperson may also serve as an ex-officio member of each committee, and may vote on committee issues. The Bylaws do not limit the committee members' terms, define special requirements, or limit the size of committees. In the last several years, the Chairman believed it appropriate to have three members on each of the Board's standing committees.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAIRMAN: The Chairman recommends that the Board:

- (1) abolish the Joint Committee; and,
- (2) re-activate the following four standing committees:
 1. Geohazards Committee
 2. Policy Committee
 3. Mining Reclamation Standards Committee
 4. Mineral Conservation Committee

Following the establishment of standing committees, the Chairman will appoint members to fill those committees.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENTS: The above committee proposals present no conflicts with Statute or the Board's Bylaws. Approval of these committees and appointment of their members, or the creation of additional committees, are discretionary acts by the Board and its Chairman, and the Executive Officer makes no recommendations.

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